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SUBJ: ARMORED VEHICLE FOR ROK POLICE

REF: STATE 020052

1. BASED ON REFTEL IT APPEARS THAT PROPOSED KOREAN POLICE PURCHASE OF ARMORED VEHICLE IS A COMPLETELY COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION BETWEEN ROKG AND AAI CORP. ROKG HAS NOT APPROACHED US HERE WITH REGARD TO THIS AND HAS APPARENTLY HANDLED MATTER COMPLETELY IN ITS OWN CHANNELS.

2. PURCHASE OF SINGLE ARMORED VEHICLE AND POSSIBLE LATER PROCUREMENT OF 26 OTHERS IS UNDOUBTEDLY RELATED TO ROKG'S HEIGHTENED CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY OF STUDENT DISORDERS. HOWEVER, ON BASIS INFORMATION REFTEL IT NOT CLEAR WHETHER PROPOSAL PURCHASE OF ARMORED CARS SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO POSSIBLE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN MARCH-APRIL DANGER PERIOD OR TO LONGER TERM POLICE EFFORT TO INCREASE ITS CROWD CONTROL CAPABILITY. GIVEN TESTING PROGRAM FOR SINGLE VEHICLE AND SUBSEQUENT PROCUREMENT/SHIPPING TIME, IT NOT CLEAR WHEN BULK OF VEHICLES WOULD ARRIVE IN SEOUL IF PURCHASED.

3. OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD NOT WANT USG DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ROKG EFFORTS TO PROCURE SUCH CROWD
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CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR INTERNAL PURPOSES. HOWEVER,

THIS IS DIRECT ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN ROKG AGENCY
AND AMERICAN COMPANY. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT
UNDER PROVISIONS 10 FAM 180 (APPENDIX 123.05) THERE
IS JUSTIFICATION FOR FORMAL REFUSAL OF EXPORT
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